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A crowd gathers at Fort Douglas for the dedication of a park that took 12 years to complete.

# Fort Douglas celebrates 124 years with dedication of park and statue

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Fort Douglas celebrated its 124th birthday Sunday with the dedication of a brand new historical park.

The park, which has been in the planning stages for 12 years, was presented to the U.S. Army and the state by retired Maj. Gen. M.B. Kauffman. "Since 1974, I've wanted to get this park built," said Kauffman, a former commander at the installation and former president of the Fort Douglas Museum Association. "We've finally done it."

Located just east of the Fort Douglas Museum in the center of the installation, the park was built with more than \$100,000 in donated materials and labor, Kauffman said. When Kauffman first proposed the idea of building the park

at no cost to the government, the response of the secretary of the Army was somewhat skeptical.

"I guess dealing with generals in the Pentagon made him suspicious, so he wrote me and said to put up a \$5,000 good-faith bond or shut up," Kauffman said. "We put up the bond and have been working ever since."

Several hundred people turned out for the ceremonies which included acceptance of the park by Maj. Gen. James R. Hall Jr. on behalf of the Army and Gov. Norman H. Bangerter on behalf of the state.

"This park will provide a place not only for the personnel at Fort Douglas, but for all citizens of Utah and the country to come and reflect on the sacrifices of those who served here," said Hall, the commander of Fort Carson, Colo., and

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A native of Utah, Dr. McDonald graduated from Utah State University in 1921 and taught mathematics there until 1924. He earned his master of arts degree and his doctorate in education from the University of California at Berkeley.

He received many honorary degrees, including distinguished service awards from BYU and USU and an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the California College of Medical Science.

Dr. McDonald served as Salt Lake Temple president through 1968, then worked in the Los Angeles Temple until his death.

Funeral will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Los Alamedas Stake Center, Los Alamedas, Calif.

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The victim opened the cash register and the man grabbed an undetermined amount of cash. He then took the cashier to the back of the store and took some more cash, which he later dropped.

The man then fled the store on foot. He is described as black, 30 years old, 6 feet tall and 165 pounds. He was wearing a tan shirt, blue jeans and blue leg warmers.

and general education and endowed scholarships and grants.

The support the university's fund-raising efforts have received generally have come from three sources: individual sponsors, corporations, foundations and alumni.

"There are individuals who believe in the standards of the institution, in the progress of the students themselves," Gross said.

"They have donated everything from computers and cattle to cash. It breaks down to \$6 million in unrestricted cash, \$34 million in restricted cash (money whose donor intends it for a specific use), \$10 million in securities, \$21 million in real property, \$22 million in other gifts and \$11 million in deferred gifts.

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Gov. Bangerter, front, signs an autograph under the statue of Patrick Connor.